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ARMY CONDUCTS AIR ASSAULT TRAINING ON MOLOKAI.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment and 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment will conduct air assault training at Illio Point, Molokai on August 19 and 20.

A company of soldiers from 1st Battalion 21st Infantry Regiment will conduct an air assault into Illio Point on August 19 and 20. The operation will also involve five Blackhawk and two Chinook helicopters.

The operation will take place no earlier than 5 p.m. and is scheduled to end by 9:30 p.m. on both days.

This training is in preparation for the Lightning Thrust Warrior Exercise in Sept. and deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan next year.

For more information contact the Public Affairs Office, Capt. Kathleen Turner at 655-8729, cell 271-8414.

TALKING POINTS FOR EXERCISE JOINT EFFORT:

2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment and 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment are conducting routine air assault training in preparation for the Division's future deployment to Afghanistan.

Use of Illio Point at Molokai has been coordinated with the Department of Land and Natural Resources prior to the training event taking place.

All aircraft participating in the exercise will fly around the island and not over houses to reduce the amount of noise heard by occupants on the ground.

Safety is a number one priority. All soldiers involved in this training exercise will be properly briefed on all safety measures prior to executing the assault.

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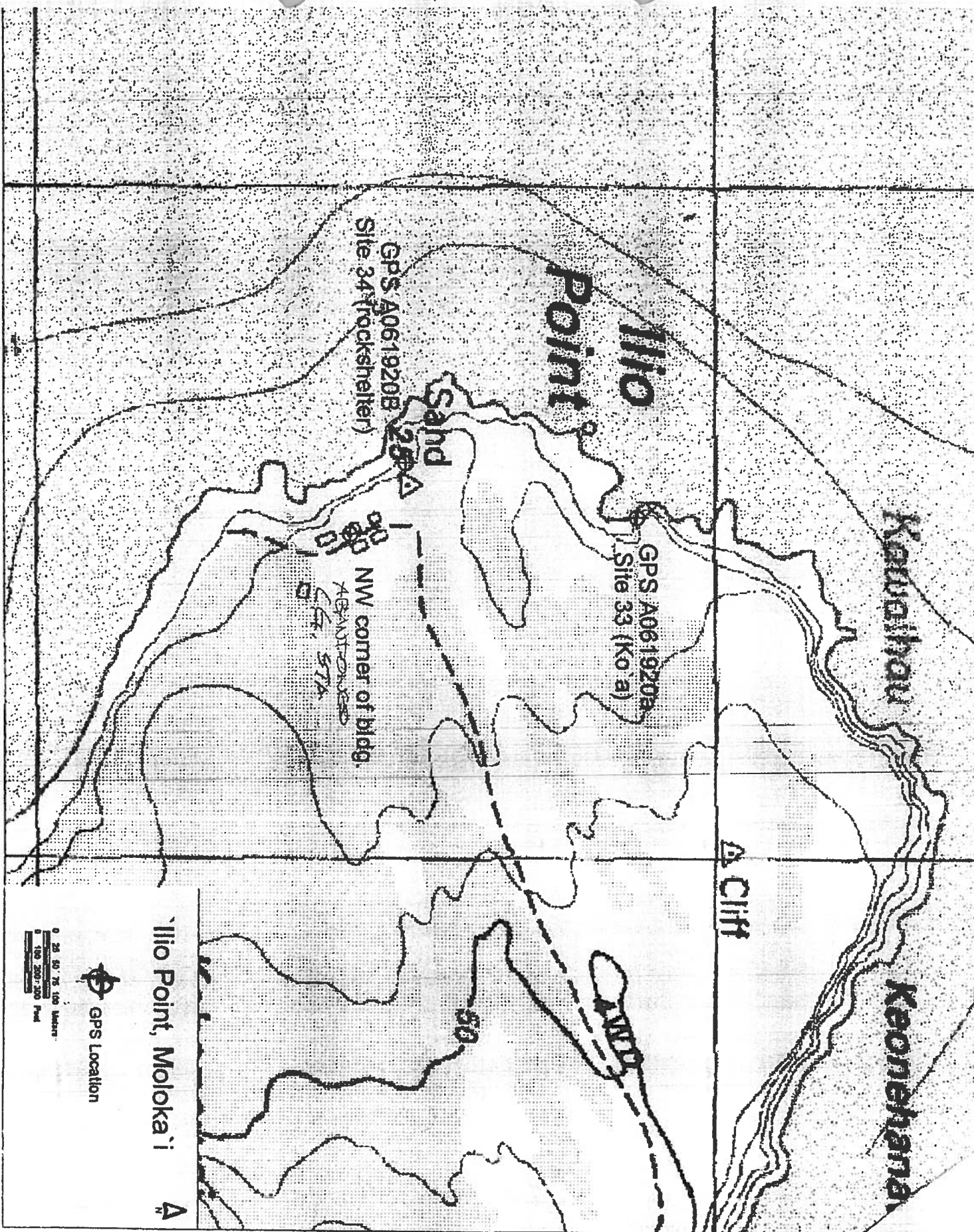
13 August 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Surface Reconnaissance of Proposed Training Area on Molokai

1. On 13 August 2003 a surface reconnaissance was conducted by the 706th EOD on the island of Molokai. Three areas were swept for unexploded ordnance and safe routes between two of the sites were marked.
2. The surface of landing area #1, grid FJ 8095 4764, was visually inspected and found free of any unexploded ordnance. The area contained several large craters and numerous training mortars. No explosive components were found.
3. The surface of landing area #2, grid FJ 8077 4735, was visually inspected and found free of any UXO.
4. The surface of landing area #3, grid FJ 8099 4697, was visually inspected with special emphasis placed on nearby buildings, roads and areas for use as entry routes around the objective. The surface was found free of any UXO and did not show signs of use as an impact area.
5. Although no unexploded ordnance was encountered during this operation, it is possible that sub-surface ordnance may be present. Avoid any areas with dense vegetation as the surface of these areas was not inspected by EOD personnel and may contain unexploded ordnance.
6. The POC is the undersigned at 655-5282.


RICHARD L. WASSON
SSG, USA
EOD Team Leader





Landing Area #3

FJ 8099 4697

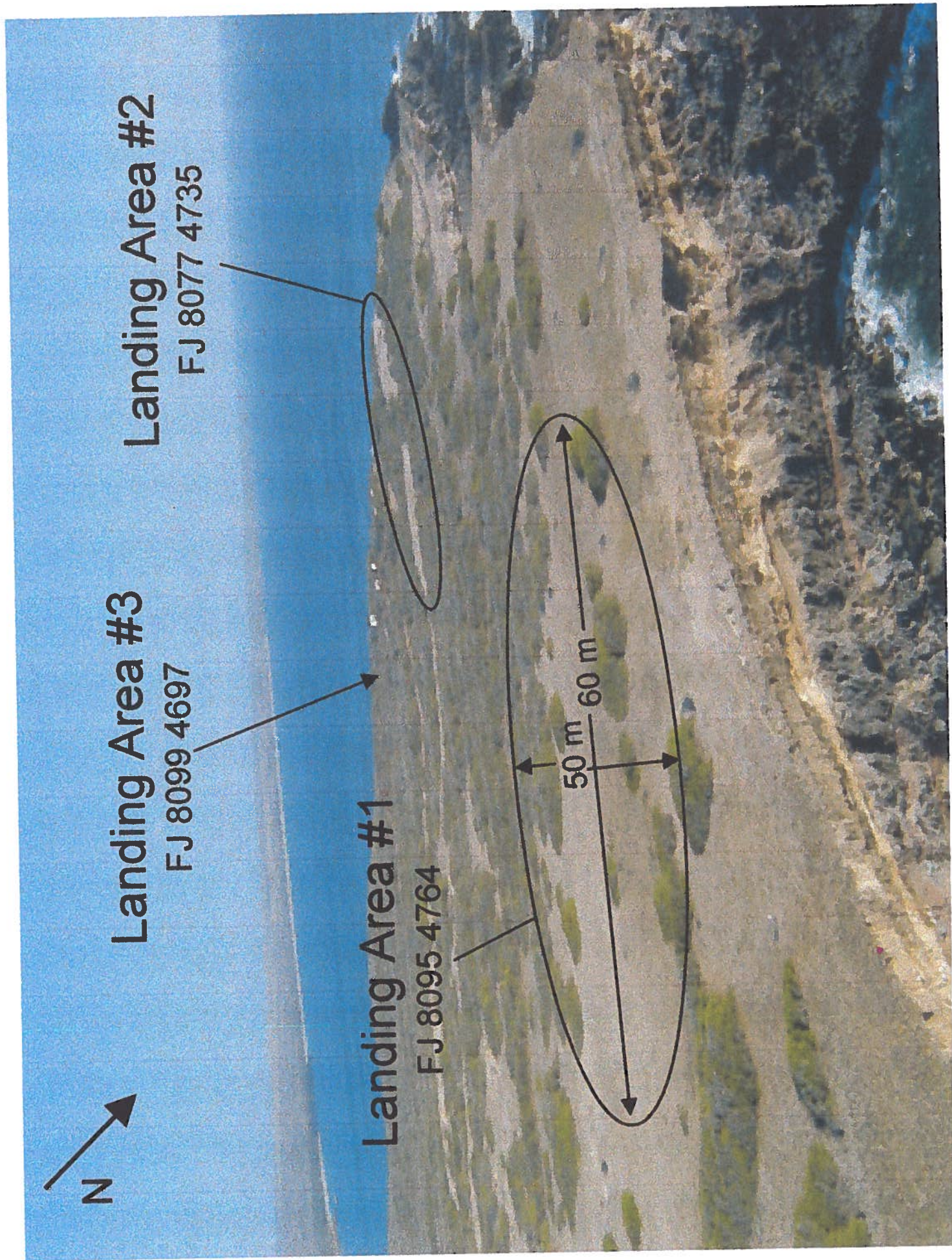
Landing Area #2

FJ 8077 4735

Landing Area #1

FJ 8095 4764

50 m 60 m





Landing Area #2

FJ 8077 4735

